V40 Limited Edition Product Review

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"....many thanks for the info - I will indeed upgrade the speaker cables. I have great cables from my turntable to gain stage and from there to the amp so it makes sense to have good quality speaker cables too.



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Yes - I have tested the system and am loving it!!!!

Understatement! :-)

As I mentioned I spend a lot of time in the studio so I am used to hearing music first hand and through top end reference speakers - so it is a real pleasure to have such a musical sounding system to listen to here at home.

I have a few of the Abbey Road Half-Speed re-mastered albums that were released earlier in the year and John Martyn's 'Solid Air' was my first to try once the system had settled in.

I have owned many copies of this album (vinyl, CD etc) over the years but this is by far the best copy, imo, and, as an album I know very well, a good one for me to test the system.

Absolutely fabulous, the depth of the double bass and three dimensional quality of the recording is testament to the care of the engineers who recorded the album in the first place. The Blue Aura v40 LE system brings you in to that space. Brilliant!

Next on to my Steely Dan (Aja & Gaucho 180g) and Donald Fagen (Sunken Condos 180g) vinyl! Very, very nice! Tight bass and a real pleasure to listen to albums I have known over the years with fresh ears! Very detailed and sonically immersive.

I personally hate mp3's but the ability to play music from phone via bluetooth is something my wife, enjoys so she will use that function quite a bit alongside her Al Green vinyl.

The Bluetooth connection works well and certainly a really cool function - not everything is on vinyl (unfortunately!) - but I do own a load of downloads plus I

receive a lot of music from other artists in this form. Very nice to be able to listen to them through the amp and speakers.

I have attached my TV via a reasonable quality 3.5mm jack cable to the Aux connection. An upgrade to the TV sound for sure and one I will use for film and Netflix etc -

And my BluRay player, and its ability to play CD's, again works well and sounds fab through the system.

'Robert Plant and the Band of Joy 'Live' at the Artists Den' BluRay sounds absolutely wonderful!

But, as I mentioned, my main focus for this system was for my vinyl (and my love affair with it) and, as a very reasonably priced system, it is delivering a sonic orgasm! :-)

Looks great too - my wife loves the retro look of the amp - and with a single malt in hand, dimmed lighting and some great music on the turntable it is a thing of beauty to behold!

Speakers are unobtrusive but pack more than enough punch for me.

One thing I do like, especially when I am in the recording studio and mixing, is the ability to listen at low volume and still be able to pick out the finer detail - this system does have a sweet spot volume-wise in my living room but I can listen to it quietly and enjoy the musical nature of it working.

There is a great clarity to the sound overall.

The system itself is very well balanced, transparent and any colour added to the sound by the valves and circuitry is very musical indeed. When in the studio I rarely use EQ - mainly subtractive - as I am a great believer of getting the sound correct in the first place - so I am very happy with this aspect of the system too. You do have EQ on the amp but the v40 LE is so well rounded and matched with its speakers you don't need to use it to compensate for any failing of the system itself. Perfect!

Bijou, yet powerful; sonically pleasing and a very accomplished and very musical sounding system. Absolutely love it.

It is a real treat for me - and yet another excuse for me to go out hunting rare vinyl! :-)

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